

**Graves W. Steele to Andrew Jackson, May 25, 1832,
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GRAVES W. STEELE TO JACKSON.

Hermitage, May 25, 1832.

D'r Sir, Your Letter baring date the 3d of this inst has bin ricd and your ordeirs as it respects the colts has bin Complied with. You say to me in your letter that you war informd that the Sway Back mair war in bad Condition when deliveried to Major Donelsons oversuer. I war astonished to hear of that allthoe knowing what base Scoundrell Mr Donelsons oversuer war and thinking at the same time that him or som otheir Base person mout say that the mair war in bad health or in bad Condition I had her examined by sevrell of the kneighbours hoo informd me that the had never befoar seen this mair in as goo[d] Condition. I will refur you to Mr Cryer hoo see her onley a few days befoar she war sent off, allso to Thos J Donelson hoo war present and hoe I got allso to examine her. I Can asure you Sir that the mar war in two high keeping at that time for aney kind of servise and I will feal trewley thankful to you for in formation of the person who has maid or communicktied this to you which is Base and holey destitute of truth. I am confident that it is and that doe not wish you well in Boddey or mind. I hope that your son will make inqurey into Such things and give you the necessarey information about mattirs and things that ar concerning the plantation. I have prest on Andrew to pay strict attention to the maniagement and manner in which your affairs has bin conductied during your absence but it appears that he dont take the least pride or feell the least intrusted in the farm or aneything their pertaining. I hope that he will give you the necessarey information about the concerns of the farm. I regret to inform you of the destructive rain that fell on the 23 third of this month. I think that I had the pirtiest prospect for a crop of Cotton that I have

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had since year 1826 but the heavey torrent of rain has blastied it. I had Just put my Cotton to a stand and I think that their has bin about one fifth part of the crop entirley washed up and the ballance of it beet to the ground, the plantation more washed than it has in all during the last foar years.

respectfuley in confidence.